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VIA EFS WEB Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

<u>PETITION UNDER 1.136(a) AND</u> <u>AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION</u>

Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions the Commissioner to grant a one (1) month extension of time, up to and including January 22, 2009, in which to respond to the Office Action mailed September 22, 2008 in the above-identified application. The extension fee in the amount of \$130.00 may be charged to deposit account No. 50-1047. In addition, any deficiencies may be charged to deposit account No. 50-1047.

In response to the non-final Office Action dated September 22, 2008, kindly consider the following amendment and remarks:

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